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**Community Resource Report: Seattle Aquarium**

Of the many community resources available in the Seattle community, one of the most accessible, engaging, and family-friendly is the Seattle Aquarium. Located on the downtown waterfront, the aquarium is home to hundreds of mysterious and beautiful creatures. As an educational tool, the aquarium offers active learning experiences for students to expand their knowledge of the physical world that surrounds them. By providing an opportunity to connect with the natural environment and species found in the Pacific Northwest, the Seattle Aquarium inspires students to make sense of the world we live in through scientific inquiry. It also fosters engagement in math and science concepts as learning becomes relevant and meaningful to students’ lives. This personal experience can then be drawn on to enhance learning in the classroom. As educators, our job is to provide an environment of inquiry and student growth. A visit to the Seattle Aquarium is an opportunity to expose students to a place where they can gain an appreciation for marine life and the issues surrounding conservation, and to inspire them toward taking action to make a difference.

Information regarding these programs and resources can be accessed via the Seattle Aquarium Website at <http://www.seattleaquarium.org>. The aquarium is open 9:30am to 5:00pm daily. The standard fee for children ages 4-12 is $13.95, adults $19.95, however group rates are available for groups of 20 or more with advanced registration. To schedule a visit or fieldtrip call 206-386-4353 or email [contactus@seattleaquarium.org](mailto:contactus@seattleaquarium.org).

**Resources and Programs**

* Interactive NASA Kiosks
* Underwater Dome
* Orca Family Activity Center
* Fieldtrip
* Puget Sound Sleepover
* Field Programs
* Homeschool Thursdays
* Hands-on Tide Pool (Grades 1-5)
* Teacher Professional Development (Paired with NOAA)
* Seattle Aquarium Scavenger Hunt
* Exploration Notebook
* Puget Sound Orca Whale Curriculum
* “Explore the Beach” Learning Kit
* Salmon Journey (Grades 1-5)
* Orca Discovery (Grades 3-5)
* Puget Sound Plankton

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* Marine Invertebrate Lab (Grades 6-8)
* Salmon in Our Watershed (Grades 6-8)
* Teacher Open House
* Citizen Science
* Camps and Family Programs